DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Hood Canal Coordinating Council Lead Entity Habitat Project List Committee Meeting August 14, 2007

Island Lake Community Center, Silverdale, WA

The meeting began at 6:15 PM. Introductions were made. In attendance were: Phil Best (Citizen), Richard Wojt (Citizen), Tom Springer (Citizen), Paula Mackrow (NOSC), Heidi Eisenhour (JLT), Marty Ereth (Skokomish), Neil Werner (HCSEG), Ted Labbe (WFC), Elizabeth Butler (TPL), a representative of the Northwest Watershed Institute, Richard Brocksmith (HCCC), Doris Small (WDFW), John Cambalik (PSP), and Peter Bahls (NWI). The last 4 attendees are members of the Technical Advisory Group and thus did not participate in the decision-making process. Richard Brocksmith facilitated the meeting as the Lead Entity Coordinator.

The purpose of the meeting was to review final project applications; evaluate their social, political, and fiscal merits according to criteria outlined in the HCCC 2007 Process Guide; and determine a final ranked project list to be forwarded to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB).

An updated agenda was distributed, reviewed, and accepted. Richard continued along the agenda by providing an overview of the history and legal authority of the state and local salmon recovery processes within the lead entity program, and by reviewing the membership and ground rules of the local program to develop a citizen-ranked list of projects. Richard distributed HPLC criteria for utilizing during their review. Multiple questions were addressed by Richard and the committee.

Richard distributed the technically-ranked list of 26 projects reviewed and adopted by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). With help from the other TAG members present, Richard reviewed the TAG meeting notes and discussions, and explained the rationale for the TAG's decision to re-rank 3 projects during that ranking meeting (see TAG notes.)

Richard also distributed the allocation funding chart for the 2007 SRFB and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Fund grant processes. He explained the uncertainty associated with the allocation for summer chum in the PSAR process given the lack of agreement with the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity regarding priorities for implementing summer chum salmon recovery. Given that uncertainty, Richard estimated a range of funding available for projects between \$6,680,996 and \$7,175,091.

The group then proceeded to discuss the merits of individual projects in the context of the HPLC criteria. This discussion took nearly 2 hours, interrupted only by a short break for dinner. After a wide-ranging discussion, the group agreed unanimously to move the HCCC Nearshore Juvenile Salmon Assessment from the #4 rank to the #20 rank based on the relatively high community support to implement the Port Townsend Bay Acquisition project proposed by the Washington State Parks and Trust for Public Land. Then the group agreed unanimously to adopt the resulting list as is, and adjourned at almost 9:30 PM.